Interagency Council Meeting Minutes March 28, 2007

Attendees: Rodney Stockment, IHCDA; Charles Coley, IHCDA; Tony Gillespie, Brothers Uplifting Brothers; Lori Dimick, IHDCA; Sharon Liggins, Continuum of Care Network-NWI; Jeffrey Johnson, Continuum of Care-Lake County; Steve Camilleri, Center for the Homeless; Adam Kronk, Center for the Homeless; Fred Hash, Great Lakes Capital Fund; Frank Hagaman, Partners in Housing; Bud Myers, Indianapolis Housing Agency; Michael Reinke, Indiana Coalition on Housing and Homeless Issues (ICHHI); Patrick Taylor, (ICHHI); Diane Mains, Department of Corrections; Charles Boyle, FSSA Division of Mental Health and Addiction; Joe Pendleton, Disability Determination Bureau; Dave Liebel, Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives; Rita Hope, Indiana State Dept of Health; Jenny Greene, ISDH; Jim Hurst; Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers; John Dorgan, HUD; Betty Culley, Indiana Dept of Workforce Development; Alan Rakowski, Center for Homeless; Rick Gann, Social Security Administration; and Barbara Anderson, Haven House Services, Inc.

I. Welcome and Introductions

- A. Tony Gillespie, Brothers Uplifting Brothers, called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.
- B. Charles Coley, Homeless Liaison- IHCDA, requested that everyone introduce themselves and their organizations.

II. Balance of State: Presentation of Application Scores

A. Patrick Taylor, ICCHI, presented the Balance of State Application scores. He gave a detailed summary of submission requirements and reviewed the scores from the previous submission.

The 2007 Regional Continuum of Care Guidelines were distributed. The motion to approve the guidelines passed with the "yes" votes of all in attendance.

Rodney Stockment proposed the formation of a committee to review Section I of the application.

B. Barbara Anderson stated the need for a real commitment to chronic homelessness and referenced Denver Continuum of Care initiatives as a model; permanent housing should become a priority.

Mr. Stockment stressed the importance of attending Continuum of Care forums to identify services and funding sources available regionally and throughout the state.

The January 24, 2007 minutes were approved as written.

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III. State Strategies to Support Services and Housing for the Chronically Homeless.

A. Mr. Stockment presented the State's strategies to support services and housing for the chronically homeless. He announced a partnership involving IHCDA and Great Lakes Capital Fund to fund the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CHS) in Indiana. Through this initiative IHCDA and CSH will provide technical and financial assistance to local homeless organizations to create permanent supportive housing for the homeless.

Mr. Stockment also proposed that the Continuum of Care process become a year round project. Meetings should be held monthly to discuss how to support permanent housing and new projects. This will also be an opportunity to identify other resources to maximize all funding available to Continuum of Care networks.

IV. Interagency Council Committee Structure

A. Mr. Coley gave a brief PowerPoint presentation outlining the Interagency Council committee structure. He requested volunteers for the listed committees.

Homeless Task Force

Rodney Stockment, Lori Dimick, Charles Coley (IHCDA); Department of Education; ICHHI

Data Committee

Rodney Stockment, Charles Coley (IHCDA); Diane Mains (Department of Corrections); Rita Hope (State Department of Health); ICHHI

Ten-Year Plan Progress Committee

Rita Hope (State Department of Health); David Liebel (Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives); Interagency Council Co-Moderator Tony Gillespie (Brothers Uplifting Brothers); Diane Mains (Department of Corrections);

Resource Development Committee

Jim Hurst (Council of Community Mental Health Centers); Sharon Liggins (Region 1A); Fred Hash (Great Lakes Capital Fund)

There was also a stated need for a "Continuum of Care Development Committee," which will for the time consist of Rodney Stockment, Tony Gillespie, and Charles Coley. Mr. Coley will be in touch with other potential members of this committee one-on-one.

The same need was stated for a "Membership/Governance Committee", which will for the time consist of Rodney Stockment, Tony Gillespie, and Charles Coley. Mr. Coley will be in contact with other possible committee members personally.

V. Final Question and Answer Session/Group Discussion

Mr. Gillespie asked if there were any questions or comments before the meeting adjourned. The responses included:

- 1. Need to determine necessary parties to bring to the table, such as Township Trustees.
- 2. The CoCs should meet the day before the annual housing conference.
- 3. Include action items on the agenda.
- 4. Distribute action items in advance prior to a vote.
- 5. Determine which members should have voting rights.

Upon closing the meeting, Mr. Gillespie asked that all members consider joining a committee.

Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at IHCDA from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM.